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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM USMISSION USBERLIN DATED AUGUST 18,
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TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, GE, US, UR
SUBJECT:AUGUST 15 EXFILTRATION IN U.S. FORCES VEHICLE

1. AT 2305 AUGUX 15 US ARMY SERGEANT (E-5) HARRY
BLUE, JR., EXFILTRATED EAST GERMAN HUSBAND AND WIFE (LATTER
PREGNANT) FROM EAST BERLIN VIA CHECKPOINT CHARLIE IN
TRUNK OF HIS US FORCES REGISTERED 1968 CHEVROLET SEDAN.
BLUE HAD ENTERED EAST BERLIN VIA CP CHARLIE AT 2100. EAST
GERMAN REFUGEES WERE DISCOVERED HIDDEN IN HOLLOWED-OUT
COMPARTMENT BETWEEN REAR SEAT AND TRUNK AFTER
THOROUGH SEARCH BY US MILITARY POLICEMEN AT CP CHARLIE,
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WHOSE SUSPICIONS WERE AROUSED BY BLUE'S NERVOUS BEHAVIOR

AND FACT BLUE ENTERING EAST BERLIN AFTER SIDEWALKS
THERE ROLLED UP FOR NIGHT.

2. EAST GERMAN BOUNDARY GUARDS AT CROSSING POINT GAVE
BLUE'S VEHICLE MORE THAN THEIR USUAL CURSORY SCRUTINE AS
BLUE TRANSMITTED CROSSING POINT POSSIBLE BECAUSE REAR OF VEHICLE
LOWERED ALMOST TWO INCHES BY WEIGHT OF REFUGEES, BUT BLUE EX-
PLAINED EAST GERMANS' CAREFUL INSPECTION WAS AS RESULT OF HIS
CAR HAVING BRUSHED AGAINST POLE BARRIER ON ENTERING EAST GERMAN
PROCESSING AREA.

3. INITIAL INTERROGATION OF BLUE HAS YEILDED LITTLE IN WAY
OF LEADS. BLUE CLAIMS ALL CONTACTS WITH INTERMEDIARY
MADE OVER TELEPHONE, BUT WE NOT SATISFIED AND CONSEQUENTLY
PURSUING INTERROGATION.

4. STATEMENTS BY REFUGEES AND RELATIVE WHO MET THEM IN
WEST BERLIN INDICATE (A) DM 34,000 PAID THROUGH
INTERMEDIARY FOR EXFILTRATION, AND (B) EXFILTRATION WAS
ARRANGED FROM MUNICH AREA.

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY OF THIS INCIDENT: ACCORDINGLY,
WE ARE CLOSELY RESTRICTING THIS MESSAGE. GEORGE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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